



# Arizona Department of Public Safety

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## **A Traffic Stop in Southern Arizona Results in the Seizure of 200 Pounds of Marijuana**

On August 18, 2008, at approximately 11:56 PM a Department of Public Safety officer stopped a 2001 Chevrolet sedan going westbound on Interstate 10 at milepost 276 (approximately 16 miles east of Tucson) for a traffic violation. The officer approached the vehicle and noticed a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. The officer conducted a search of the vehicle which resulted in the discovery of 10 bales of marijuana weighing approximately 225 pounds.

The driver of the vehicle, Carlos R. Gracia, 29 years old from Mexico, was arrested and charged with violation of ARS 13-3405, Possession and Transportation of Marijuana for Sale. Carlos Gracia was booked into the Pima County Jail.

This enforcement action is part of the Arizona Department of Public Safety's continued effort to dismantle and disrupt the criminal organizations that grow or manufacture, transport, and sell illegal drugs, in order to make communities in Arizona and across the United States safer places to live.

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